

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 herewith are amended. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohbayashi et al. The rejection is traversed. It is the conclusion of the Examiner that "...applicants' specification examples establish that unexpected results are obtained with alumina particles surface treated with a silane coupling agent. None of applicants' claims are commensurate with this disclosure."

Applicants have amended the independent claims to require alumina particles as suggested by the Examiner in view of the unexpected results. In view thereof, it follows that the subject matter of the claims would not have been obvious over Ohbayashi et al. at the time the invention was made.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, the claims are now believed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

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